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## THE CHAPEL



## SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT BROOKE HOSPITAL

### NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:

Sunday  
Catholic Mass ..... 6:15 A. M. & 8:30 A. M.  
Protestant Worship ..... 10:00 A. M.  
Protestant Vespers ..... 7:00 P. M.

RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, NEW HOSPITAL:  
Sunday School for Children ..... 10:00 A. M.

### NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:

Weekdays  
Catholic Mass, daily except Wed. 5:30 P. M.

Catholic Mass, Wednesday ..... 8:30 A. M.  
Protestant Vesper Service Wed. .... 7:00 P. M.

### RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, OLD HOSPITAL:

Sunday  
Catholic Mass ..... 10:00 A. M.  
Protestant Worship ..... 9:00 A. M.  
Protestant Vespers ..... 5:30 P. M.  
Weekdays  
Protestant Vesper Service, Wed. .... 5:30 P. M.

## The First and Second Commandments Mark 12:28-34

The following is an incident that occurred during the last few days of our Lord's earthly ministry: This question was asked by a scribe, "What commandment is the first of all?"

There is no one who can definitely say what the motive of the young man was. I have a feeling in my own mind that he probably asked the question in all sincerity, and was really anxious to have the interpretation of Christ. At any rate, the Master did not rebuke him, but gave him not only the First Commandment, but the Second also.

You will find this answer in the 29th through the 31st verses. The answer involved the idea that love for God should be above love for anyone else or anything, and that love for one's neighbor should be above love for one's self. In these three verses, the Lord made clear to this young man, the answer to his question.

The answer that is given there, is also the answer that may well be given today when one asks this question, "What must I do to be saved?" Beyond a doubt, the basis between man and God is that of love, and when love reaches to the depth that it includes, "with all thy strength," it takes all of the personality of man.

When the scribe heard the answer, he was fair enough to recognize that Christ had spoken the truth. He also knew that the contact made between God and man through these means was more important than "burnt offerings and sacrifices." In other words, the way was made plain to him.

Following this answer to the scribe, Jesus commended him, and made one of the most significant statements ever made to man, "Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God." This statement from Jesus is an invitation for him to come into this Kingdom. Whether he came or not, we do not know. We could wish that he did accept Christ as his Saviour.

We ministers often wonder if many people who never enter in are not brought close to the Kingdom of Heaven through the ministry of the Church. It is well worth all of our thinking. If one will be fair with himself, he will take this decisive step.

Chaplain (Major) OLLIE G. MATTHEWS.





*Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

IN TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY  
OF A GREAT LEADER  
OUR LATE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

BORN JANUARY 30, 1882

DIED APRIL 12, 1945

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# Members of McArthur's Forces Who Freed Allied Prisoners Tour War Plants



—Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Back from the Philippines where they took part in the daring raid that freed allied prisoners of war from the Cabanatuan stockade on Luzon, four members of the Rangers and the Alamo Scouts are greeted by Major General Richard Donovan at Eighth Service Command headquarters in Dallas. They were scheduled to visit war plants in Dallas and Houston and talk to war workers.

Left to right are Major William Davidson, Swedesboro, N. J., in charge of the tour; First Lt. Melville H. Schmidt, New Orleans, who led the assault platoon; General Donovan; S/Sgt. William R. Butler, Cleveland, Okla.; S/Sgt. Theodore R. Richardson, Dallas, who shot the lock off the gate at Cabanatuan, and Pfc. Gilbert Cox, Enterprise, Ore., member of the Alamo Scouts.



*Get In The Fight With That Man Overseas . . .*

## BUY ANOTHER WAR BOND TODAY!





*Major Robert H. Pickel*

**OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE PHARMACY**

**In addition to his duties as**

**COMMANDING OFFICER**

**DETACHMENT MEDICAL DEPARTMENT**

**BROOKE GENERAL AND CONVALESCENT  
HOSPITAL**



# The PHARMACY Section

## BROOKE GENERAL AND CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL



HERE is the Pharmacy?" is a question often asked of personnel on duty at Brooke. And though the question is most asked at the new hospital, the answer could well afford to be in the form of a question: "Which Pharmacy?"—for the Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital maintains three.

Major Robert H. Pickel, MAC, besides his many duties as commanding officer, Detachment Medical Department, is also in charge of the Pharmacy by reason of being a Registered Pharmacist.

Reporting for active duty on 24 June, 1942, Major Pickel was immediately assigned to the Station Hospital (now Brooke) and designated Assistant Adjutant on the following day. He served in that capacity until 23 June 1944 when he was designated Commanding Officer, Detachment Medical Department.

Attending school in Palestine, Texas, his home, Major Pickel graduated from the Danforth School of Pharmacy in 1931. His genial personality, his firm adherence to duty have made him a well-liked personality about the hospital.

The Pharmacy Section is under the Medical Service of the hospital and is one of the few sections in the entire hospital which works in close co-operation with practically every department at Brooke.

The main Pharmacy is located on the first floor of the east wing of the new hospital and services the wards of the new hospital as well as all out-patients. The second Pharmacy is located on the first floor of Annex II, and is maintained for all enlisted personnel assigned to the hospital as well as those on duty in the immediate area of Fort Sam Houston. The third Pharmacy is located on the first floor of the main building of the old hospital and this one services the various wards in the old hospital area.

All of the Pharmacies are completely modern and each is efficiently managed by trained enlisted and civilian personnel, under the supervision of Major Pickel. Four

of the enlisted men and one civilian in the main pharmacy, two enlisted men at Annex II Pharmacy and one enlisted man at the old hospital pharmacy are registered pharmacists.

It has been said that it doesn't take an expert to mix a little of this and a little of that to make up a concoction of sorts but when it comes to filling a prescription—well, that takes skill and accuracy.

Prescriptions must conform to United States Pharmaceutical standards and must be so carefully compounded as not to vary even one-thousandth of one percent in weight or measure.

No prescription is filled without a prescription slip issued and personally signed by a medical or dental officer of the hospital.

The main Pharmacy at Brooke furnishes all the Penicillin used by the hospital with a daily average of 100 ampules prepared in solution, ointment, powder and troche form.

In addition, 10,500 prescriptions of all kinds are compiled monthly by all three of the pharmacies. Prescriptions for the Arsenal, Camp Stanley, Army Map Service and the San Antonio Army Service Forces Depot are included in this figure.

In order to verify the accurate filling of all prescriptions, a Formulary now in the process of revision is used to check all formulas.

Besides Major Robert H. Pickel, Jr., MAC who is officer in charge of the Pharmacy section, personnel includes Master Sergeant Tom J. Duffy; Technicians Third Grade Joe G. Ramirez, Francis J. Zobello and Irwin Saltzman; Technician Fourth Grade Jack L. Converse; Corporal Warren R. McPeck; Technicians Fifth Grade Carl J. Guillory, John G. Hoyer, Leslie Howard, Irwin William Friend, Richard J. Scheutzw and Nulen Smith; Private First Class Bernard Richer and civilian technician Vern Carr.

Personnel of the Pharmacy Section are friendly, courteous and efficient and are really "on the beam" when it comes to filling out prescriptions.







Major Pickel checks revisions made in the Formulary for accuracy with personnel of the main Pharmacy. The Formulary contains a list of medicinal substances and pharmaceutical formulas.

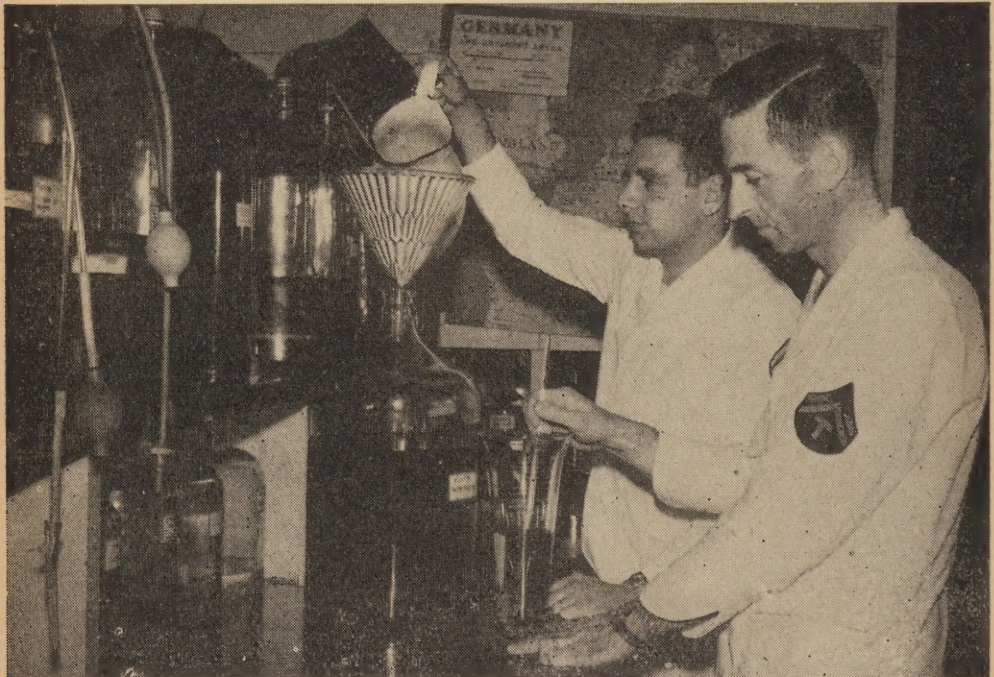


Master Sergeant Tom J. Duffy of Taylor, Texas, NCO in charge of the Pharmacies at Brooke records daily, the use of all morphine, codine, alcohol, paragoric and whiskey used for prescription.





In foreground, Technician Third Grade Carl J. Guillory of Elton, Louisiana, fills out-patient prescriptions while Technician Third Grade Joe E. Ramirez of San Antonio, Texas types the labels in readiness for dispensing.

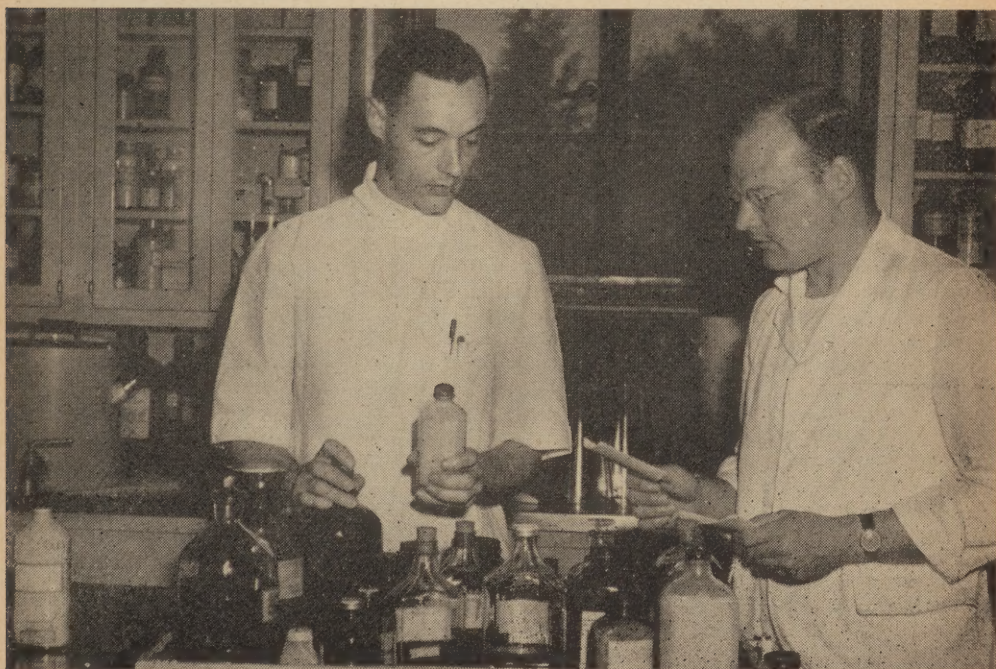


Technician Third Grade Irwin Saltzman of Philadelphia in background and Technician Fifth Grade John G. Hoyer of Wood River, Nebraska mix Elixir of Phenobarbital.





With the aid of Corporal Warren R. McPeck of Philadelphia, Technician Fifth Grade Leslie Howard Irwin William (Yes, that's his name) Friend of Ferndell, Michigan is shown filling ampules with Penicillin.

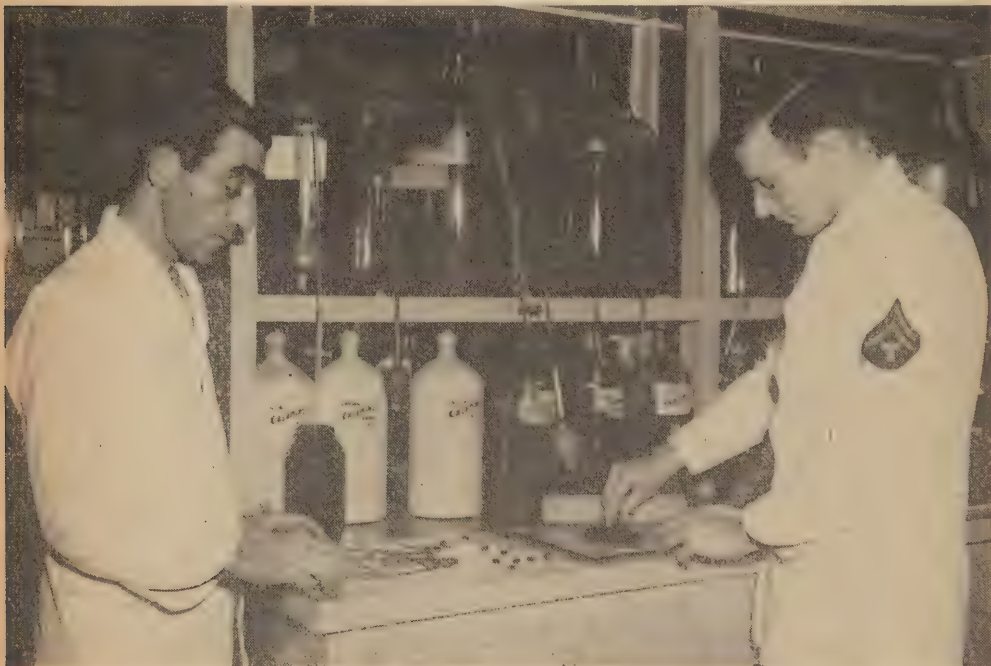


Vern Carr, civilian technician, of Nekoma, Kansas, helps to load a cart with prescriptions for the wards while T/5 Richard G. Scheutzow of Oswego, New York, checks the articles.





Private First Class Bernard Richer of Brooklyn, New York meticulously weighs medicinal substances on an analytical scale in formulating a prescription in the Annex II Pharmacy.



There's an art in making Penicillin Troches—if you don't believe it, ask T/5 Nulen Smith of Heber Springs, Arkansas, right, and T/3 Francis J. Zobello of Brooklyn, New York, of the Pharmacy at Annex II.





Technician Fourth Grade Jack L. Converse of Segundo, California dispensing tablets for a prescription. T/4 Converse is assigned to the Pharmacy at the old hospital.

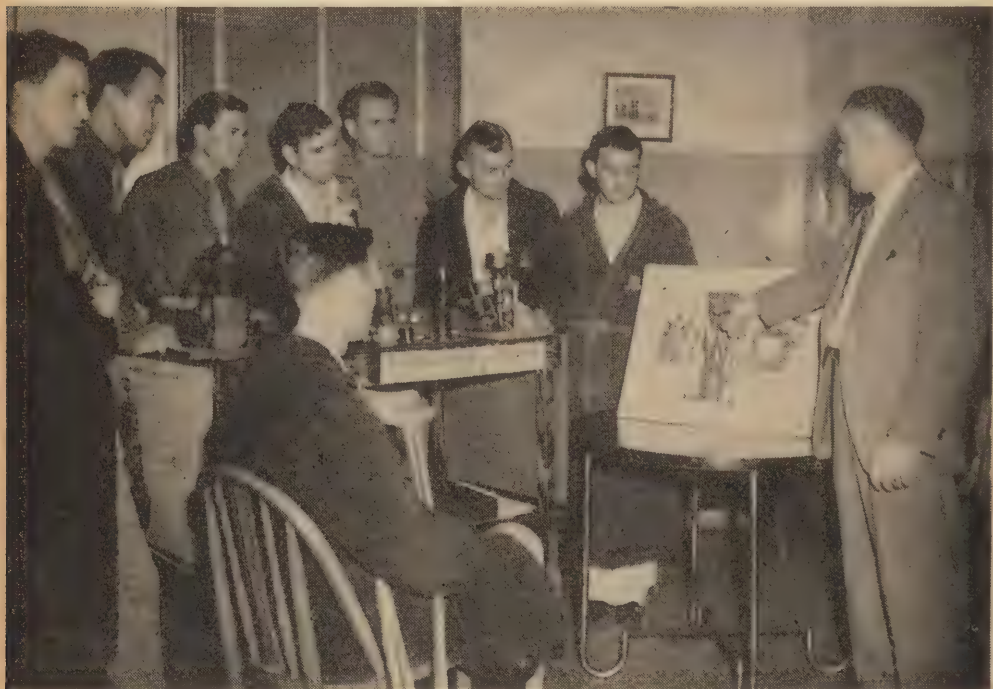


T/4 Jack Converse mixing medicinal substances preparatory to the filling of a prescription in the Pharmacy at the old hospital.



## 'Bedside' Course In Motor Mechanics Initiated at Brooke

Education Section of Hospital's Primary Reconditioning Service Brings Lessons in Motor Mechanics Direct to the Wards



Left to right in the photo, taken in one of the wards at Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital where patients are getting first-hand information on motor mechanics are: Pfc. John Berger (seated); Pfc. Carl Wright, Pfc. Robert Kaumeyer, ward counselor; Pfc. Robert Babbitt, patient instructor; Technical Sgt. Hobert F. Allen; Maj. Robert McKee, chief of Primary Reconditioning at Brooke; T/5 Arville Harbin, Sgt. Ernest Herbert, and at right, Mr. E. A. Brown, area maintenance representative of the Chevrolet motor division of General Motors.

As a means of diversion in the wards and to aid mechanically minded patients to plan their future after the war, the Primary Reconditioning service at Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital recently launched a bedside course in Motor Mechanics. Mr. E. A. Brown, area maintenance representative from the Chevrolet division of General Motors corporation introduced the course and classes are held daily for periods of one hour.

The course is voluntary and is first presented to the patients by means of a film—showing the construction and functioning of the carburetor. The film is followed with a discussion by the patients. Many of the training charts as well as booklets and manuals being used in the course, are fur-

nished the patients by General Motors.

The course is adequate for those men who wish to pursue a practical course in Carburetor function, adjustment and repair. Each patient receives a tray containing a set of tools, instruction booklets and a brand new carburetor. A patient instructor from the Convalescent hospital leads the class through eight hours of practical training, with the course so arranged that patients will get the benefit of the whole course, regardless of when he enrolls in the class.

For men planning to go deeper into Mechanics, the Motor Mechanics course, as initiated into the wards, serves as an introduction to advanced training at the Brooke Convalescent hospital.



# Wacs at Brooke Learn To Care for the Sick and Wounded

## Recruits Are Urgently Needed to Aid as Hospital Medical and Surgical Technicians

To meet the very grave challenge of mounting casualty lists and the growing shortage of Army Nurses, General of the Army George C. Marshall has assigned to the Women's Army Corps the recruitment and training of a sufficient number of women to form 103 WAC Medical Units for assignment to sixty Army General Hospitals.

Under the supervision of Army doctors and Army nurses WAC medical and surgical technicians are to perform various duties in hospital wards and operating rooms, assisting in the care of sick and wounded soldiers. They will take over many of the functions which in normal times would be handled by the nurses but for which professional training is not necessary.

Duties medical technicians will perform include: Learning the set-up and operation

of a medical ward, its organization and the various duties assigned to its personnel; aid in charting notes, keep routine ward records; care for patients' properties; prepare dressing and instruments and also aid in the care and equipment used by the medical wards.

Duties of the surgical technician vary. Those best suited to this type of work will learn the technique of surgical scrub; of donning surgical gown and gloves; of folding, packing and sterilizing gown and glove sets; standard hospital technique for sterilization; assist in the pre- and post-operative care of the patients and other related duties.

Other duties of medical and surgical technicians include keeping bedside tables clean and in order; care for flowers and

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Pfc. Lucile H. Mahannah of Grand Junction, Colo., is a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Brooke Neuropsychiatric Hospital. Part of her daily duties incorporate interviews with patients.





Technician Fifth Grade Sophie Szymanski, WAC, of Cleveland, Ohio, surgical technician at Brooke General Hospital, setting up a laporatotomy tray in the nurses' workroom of the operating section.

## WACS URGENTLY NEEDED . . .

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fruit received by patients, assist in keeping hospital rooms and wards clean; learn to take temperatures and pulse; feed helpless patients; serve fruit juices or milk to patients who need between-meal nourishment.

Casualties being returned from overseas

to the Army General hospitals in this country at the last census were 1200 daily. The obligation of helping to care for these wounded men in the proper manner must be met by Wacs.

Those wishing to make application for enlistment in the Women's Army Corps are urged to contact the District Women's Army Corps Recruiting Office at 115 Broadway in San Antonio.

## All's Well . . . New USO-Camp Show To Play Brooke April 20-21

"All's Well," the new USO-CAMP SHOWS' variety revue is heading right this way—and is scheduled to play at Brooke on April 20th and 21st. Jam-packed with laughs, it sports a super cast of top-notch professional entertainers from stage, screen and radio, featuring comedy, singing and dancing.

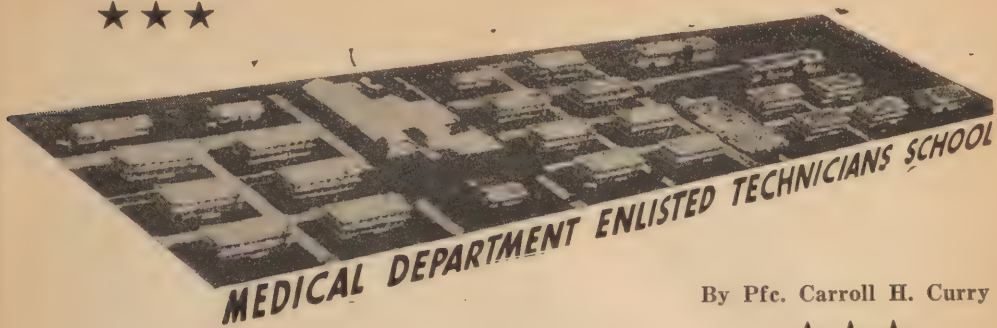
Featured in the show are Ullis & Clark, m.c., comedy, Virginia Lane, dancer, Max Rich, pianist, Senor Wences & Co., ventriloquist (novelty act), Hal Raywin, musical comedy act, the Carr Brothers, comedy acro act and Bonnie Brier, singer.

## SWEET ON CANDY

It has been noticed that patients (formerly of Ward 9) are really getting up and around lately, particularly between the hours of one and two of an afternoon. It can plainly be seen why. There is a certain little package of sweetness who comes through the ward between the time mentioned selling CANDY . . . and she really fills the description. Candy hails from San Antonio, Texas. She stands 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds. She has beautiful brown eyes and beautiful brown hair. All the fellows are sweet on Candy—and anyone can plainly see why. . . .

—FROM ALL THE FELLOWS FORMERLY ON WARD 9, NOW OF WARD 60 c





By Pfc. Carroll H. Curry



### "CAMPUS STUFF"

Probably the strangest sight ever seen on the campus blacktop since the beginning of the school was the scene witnessed Sunday night, April 8. The blacktop—or court, as some prefer to call it—was filled with duffel bags of feminine duds, and the Texas night air was filled with feminine sounds. A trainload of Wacs had arrived to begin their training as technicians.

We've had two classes of approximately forty Wacs each in recent months, but this time "Pappy" Plante, of the surgical section, reports that he personally counted six hundred legs and came to the logical conclusion that there are approximately three hundred WACs now in training here.

Speaking for the entire staff of the school, we wish to welcome our female comrades to the school that has turned out some of the army's top Medical Department technicians.

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The graduating students of April 4 had the privilege of hearing an interesting address by Lt. Colonel Clifford C. Taylor, who is leaving his post as X-Ray Director of this school to become Chief of Radiology at Harmon General Hospital. Col. Taylor's geniality will be greatly missed by the entire staff of MDETS. We all wish him the very best of luck.

\* \* \*

S/Sgt. Russell Rabold claims to be the only staff member who hasn't been insulted by this column. The only thing that might lower his reputation is the fact that he is from the wrong side of the Ohio River. This bit of prattle will be understood only by the many Ohio men in our midst.

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T/4 Buehler says that the motorcycle is mankind's greatest invention. There are people who would disagree with him.

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The most discussed occurrence of recent weeks was Brad Davis' "onion" haircut. Guess who done it?

Private First Class Al Bradley cuts quite a figure as he walks down Brittany Drive, clothed in his brand new stripes.

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Major Scott reports that school headquarters now boasts a grandfather on the staff—M/Sgt. Marts. Congratulations! He shore doesn't look the part.

\* \* \*

While making a barracks inspection recently, 1st Sgt. Skinner was seen carrying a butt can, which he used to great advantage. He hasn't quite learned to handle a "chaw" of T/4 Teare's "eatin'" tobacco.



"You need a change—try pots and pans instead of dish-washing!"

(By T/5 LEW HIRSHMAN)



S/Sgt. Martin has earned himself a new nickname. "Buttons" insists that all buttons be buttoned on entering the mess hall.

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It is the belief of Hank Kurdziel that he's the youngest wolf at the school. Hank should find out T/4 Tooley's age before making a statement like that.

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It has been rumored that S/Sgt. Bill Hudson is to have a course in military courtesy—conducted by a WAC lieutenant. Tsk, tsk, tsk!

\* \* \*

Capt. Loftis is credited with this one. At a banquet in his honor, a wise old Indian chief was asked to demonstrate how he'd attained his great wisdom. With dignity, he arose, looked over his audience, and said, "Ugh!" Quietly he resumed his seat.

Taking a cue from the wise old chief, we also will shut up.

### IT WAS A FRAME-UP! (HE SAYS . . .)

It is reported that Private First Class (at long last) Carroll H. Curry, editor of the MDETS News, has nothing to say about how his name happened to appear on the masthead of the B.B.B. last issue as editor. Not that you don't deserve it, Carroll. . . !



"This army system of classification is okay. I was a street cleaner in civilian life!"

(By PFC. CARROLL H. CURRY)



"Those fatigues are camouflaged, soldiers, NOT repaired!"

(By PVT. ALEX TOPP)

### "SATISFACTION"

I tried the things this world affords  
But never found real joy  
I found myself just like a child that tires  
of a toy  
I thought that I would be a King  
If I could have some fame  
But soon I found the life I led  
Was full of sin and shame!

Then someone told me of a man  
That came from heav'n above  
Was crucified upon a cross  
For sinners who He loves  
I found that when I took Him in,  
My life was full of peace  
And all the things I thought were good  
His love did all surcease!

PVT. CHARLES GERAMITA, ASN-12066801,  
Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School  
Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital

### MEDICS TO GET COMBAT BADGES

A Medical Badge has been authorized by the War Department in "recognition of the service rendered during combat" by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry. It is of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It will be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.

The badge will be awarded to Medical Department personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached during combat to the Medical detachments of Infantry regiments, battalions or elements thereof since December 7, 1941.

Since members of the Medical Depart-

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# For Safety's Sake . . .



It's smart to be efficient, but you really needn't race,

When going in and out of doors, be wise and change your pace

You never know who's coming and there really is no need

To show you are efficient with all that burst of speed!

So let's all be on the SAFE side and open doors with care

And be pointed out as the installation where accidents are rare.

## KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS



# Texans In World War II

By Colonel Martin Crimmins, U.S. Army, Retired\*

When we Army men think of the winners of World War Two, our minds instinctively turn to General Dwight D. Eisenhower,\*\* a fellow Texan, in command of our Army, now so successfully crushing the Nazi. Governor Coke R. Stevenson, in his official capacity, issued the following proclamation as a special tribute to him:

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, AUSTIN, TEXAS  
5/31/44**

"The State of Texas takes keen pride in the fact that it has given to the Nation and to the world, one of its great sons as Commander of the Allied Forces on the European Front, in World War Two. Texas has made an outstanding contribution in fighting man power in the present war. To date, a total exceeding 568,000 Texas men and women are serving in various branches of our armed services. I take this opportunity to extend around the world our greetings from Texas to our great General and to all of our boys fighting under his valiant leadership."

**COKE R. STEPHENSON,  
Governor.**

Some of the most important personal things in the life of General Eisenhower occurred here in Texas, for the happy start of a man's domestic life, may make or mar his future career. On graduation at West Point, as 2nd Lieutenant, he was assigned to my old regiment—the 19th U.S. Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, in the summer of 1915. (9/13/15) Here he met Mamie Geneva Doud and they were married July 1, 1916. And here it was their son was born the following summer (9/24/17.)

Colonel Eisenhower came back to San Antonio as Chief of Staff of the Third Army on 6/24/41. That fall he conducted

maneuvers under General Walter Krueger with 220,000 troops. The lessons he learned there are now bearing fruit. His brilliant strategy won over General Ben Lear's army and he was rewarded by being promoted on September 29, 1941, a temporary Brigadier General. He then went to Washington as Chief of the War Plans Division, 2/2/42, and he was confirmed as Major General 4/2/42 and on 6/25/42 was put in Command of the European Theater of Operations. He was placed in supreme command of all Allied Forces in North Africa 2/6/43—the first time in history that an American commanded a consolidated force of British and American Troops.

On 2/11/44 he was again promoted to a four-star Full General and his continuing success has proved the wisdom of selecting this brilliant Texan to play such an important part in the greatest war in the history of the world.

\* Colonel M. L. Crimmins, was an original member of Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders." He has had extensive military service including three tours of duty in the Philippines, one in Alaska, and one in Mexico with General Pershing. He has crossed the Pacific seven times and the Atlantic five, and has traveled widely in Europe and Asia. Colonel Crimmins is a historian of long standing. He has published extensively in the Frontier Times, the Army and Navy Courier, and the West Texas Historical Association Year Book. He has also written for Bulletin of the New York Public Library, The Spur, Colorado Magazine, Bulletin of the West Texas Historical and Scientific Society, Texas State Journal of Medicine, The Military Engineer, New Mexico Historical Review, Bulletin of the Texas Archaeological and Paleontological Society, Journal of American Medical Association, Copeia, Bulletin of the Antivenin Institute, and the Military Surgeon.

\*\*Born Denison County, Texas October 14, 1890.

## THE LIVING DEAD

Was it a dream I had last night?

When I heard a young voice say,

"What's happened since 1918?

"Why are we at war today?"

Timidly, I asked, "Who are you?"

I heard the young voice sigh:

"I'm the boy from down the street

Who for freedom did die!"

I asked, "Why do you return?

You have long since been dead."

His gentle voice then answered,

"Why do armies march over my head?"

"What's happened to democracy?

For it, our blood was shed;

Until peace comes to our land again,

We will be the living dead."

I'm not so sure it was a dream,

That voice I heard last night.

It was the heroes of 1918 . . .

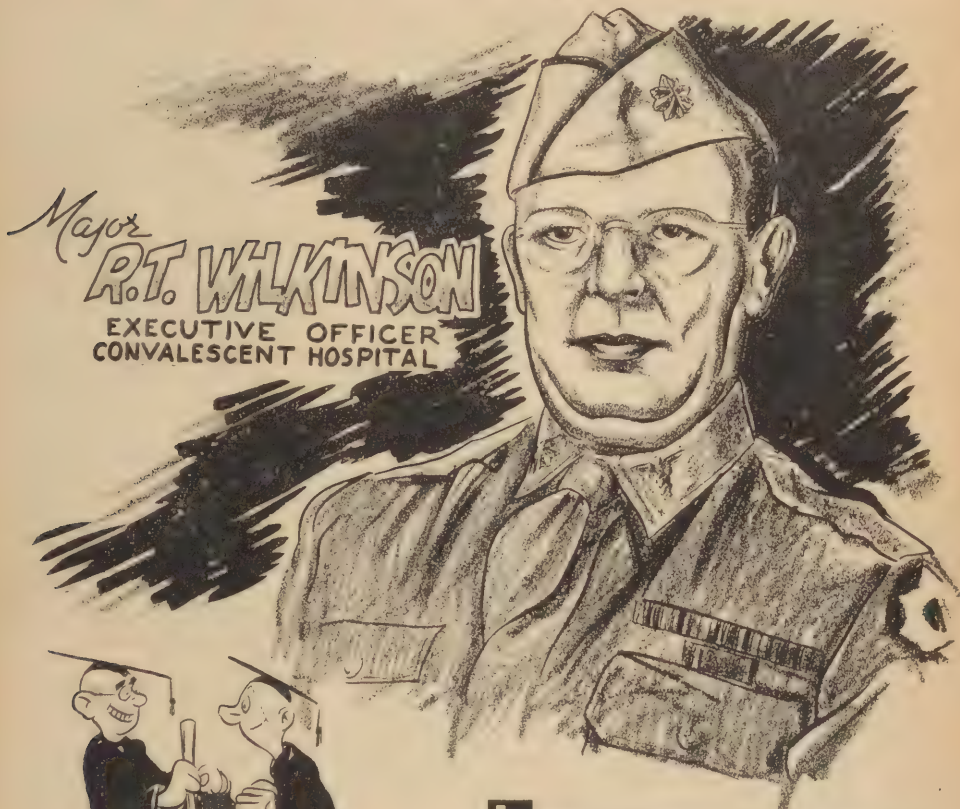
Bidding us to end this fight.

—By Lt. Helen J. Armstrong, ANC.

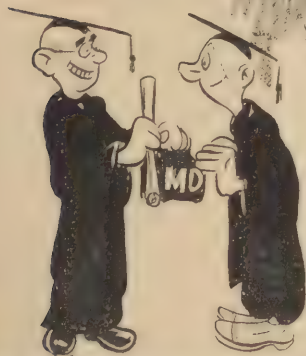


# Front 'n' Center . . .

First of a series of life sketches on personalities of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.  
By Private Stan Louis



*Major*  
**R.T. WILKINSON**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL



**G**RADUATED FROM THE UNIV. OF  
TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL IN 1933!

**L**OVES TO HUNT AND FISH!



**S**ERVED TOUR OF DUTY  
AS TRANSPORT SURGEON  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN /



OF THE CONV. HOSP.



# Front 'n' Center . . .

By Private Stan Louis



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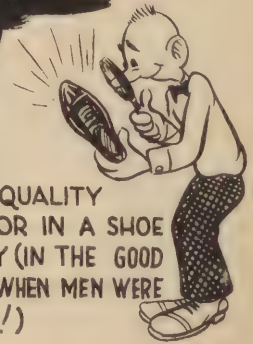
**FRED BRUCE**

SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE  
CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

HAS BEEN IN THE  
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT  
FOR FIVE YEARS!



WAS A QUALITY  
INSPECTOR IN A SHOE  
FACTORY (IN THE GOOD  
OL' DAYS—WHEN MEN WERE  
CIVILIANS!)



BOWLING IS HIS  
FAVORITE SPORT!  
(HE'S DARN GOOD AT  
IT, TOO!)



**STAN**  
OF THE CONV. HOSP.





**DOG HARNESES MADE BY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PATIENTS:** Left to right, Staff Sergeant Le Roy Ostrander of Columbus, Georgia with the harness he made for "Mike" and Sergeant L. C. Thomas of Chickasha, Oklahoma with the one made for "Shorty." Both men are members of the Reconditioning Unit and the dogs are mascots of the hospital.



**UNIQUE HAND-BLOCKED REFRESHMENT CLOTH:** Designed and executed in time for Easter, Private First Class Ray Freeman is justly proud of the results of several trips to the Occupational Therapy shop in the Reconditioning Unit, where he completed the effective refreshment cloth shown. The initials ELF are his girl-friend's!



## MEDICAL COMBAT BADGE

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ment are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the enemy. In such cases, the right to wear the Medical Badge will be restored on relief from combat duties or on reassignment to the Medical Department.

Regimental commanders are authorized to make the award for "satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions." They also are given the authority to withdraw the badge if the individual fails to perform his duty satisfactorily.

Officer personnel below field grade (Major) and all enlisted personnel having served with the Medical Department in combat are eligible for the badge. It may also be awarded to the regimental surgeon regardless of rank.

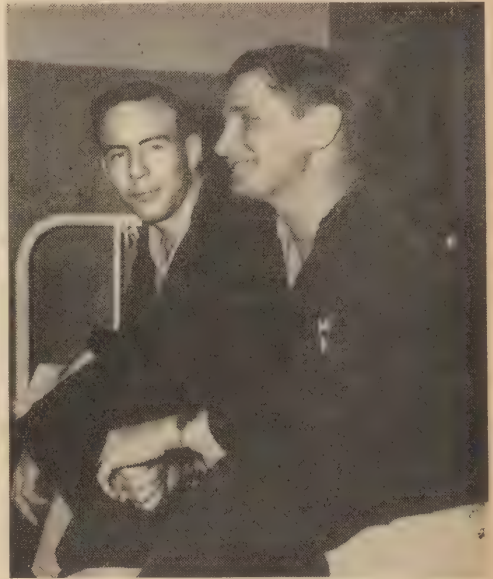
## PRE-EMBARKATION FURLOUGH TICKET

It's good to know that you won't necessarily be stuck if you get a furlough before shipping out and find you haven't the money to buy a ticket. This doesn't mean you'll get a free ride, of course, but things happen quickly sometimes, and you may not have enough money on hand at the time.

When, in contemplation of movement overseas, enlisted men and women are granted furloughs, or are authorized delay en route (furlough) to replacement depots for oversea shipment, and they do not have sufficient means to finance their own round-trip furlough fare transportation costs, arrangements have been made to provide them with tickets. The rail carriers and the principal bus carriers operating within the continental limits of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, have agreed to honor War Department transportation requests for round-trip furlough fare tickets when such issuance is authorized by the War Department.

There are certain provisions under which these transportation requests may be furnished. In the first place, one of the conditions is that the service man does not have sufficient means to finance his own round-trip furlough fare. That's reasonable enough, because the object of these provisions is to make it possible for the men and women who otherwise could not take full advantage of their furlough time, to make a trip home for instance. In the second place, specific authority for the transportation request must be granted by the commanding officer in each case, and embodied in a travel order. If travel is to be by bus, the bus carrier or carriers to be used

## Texas World War II Veterans Get Together for a "Confab" on the Italian Campaign



Pfc. Willie Shannon of Austin, Tex., a veteran of the Italian campaign, chats with Pfc. Clyde W. Lloyd (foreground) of Waller, Tex., who also saw service in Italy. Shannon was wounded near Rome, Italy, 21 May, 1944, and Lloyd was wounded on September 16, 1944, on the Gothic line. Both men have been awarded the Purple Heart decoration. Lloyd in addition, wears the Distinguished Service Cross which he earned for making things a bit uncomfortable for 20 Germans in the vicinity of Soiancia, Italy, last July. Lloyd's story will be dramatized on the Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital Review, Friday at 9:45 over WOAI.



will have to be among those who have agreed to honor the transportation request for a round-trip furlough fare ticket.

Also the full cost of the transportation request is charged against the account of the enlisted man, even if portions of the tickets secured are not used. However, if not part of the tickets or transportation request is used and they are turned in to the issuing transportation officer, he will advise the commanding officer and the enlisted man's account will be credited for the cost.

These provisions are contained in Circular No. 22, WD, 1945, and the Personal Affairs Officer or Transportation Officer at Brooke may be contacted for further information.



## ★ SPORTS ★

EDITED BY PVT. RANDALL C. GUTHRIE

MEDETS Volleyball Team Wins  
S.A. Service League Championship

Left to right in the photograph above are: Back row, Lt. John J. Ward, Pvt. Clifford T. Fair, Pvt. Frank Elston, Pvt. James R. Ledford, Pvt. William D. Milford and Colonel Warren W. Fargo; front row, T/3 John Baeyens, Pfc. Harold B. Olson and Pvt. Randall C. Guthrie.

Volleyball results on the following page show how the Medics fought to take the lead in the City Service League championship tournament.

Previously the MEDETS team represented the Fifth District in the Eighth Service Command Volleyball championship playoffs at Temple, Texas. It placed third

in this tournament.

The team was coached by Colonel Warren C. Fargo, assistant commandant of the Medical Department Enlisted Technician School and volleyball expert. He was ably assisted by Lt. John J. Ward, who supervised the early organization and directed the squad.

1st ROUND	2nd ROUND	3rd ROUND	4th ROUND Semi-Finals	5th ROUND Finals
Stinson, 1				
Bye	Stinson, 1	15-7;16-2		
Brooke Gen, 2	I	BROOKE GEN.-2		
Bye	Brooke Gen, 2			
San Marcos, 1		I	BROOKE GEN.-2	
Bye	San Marcos, 1			
SAACC, 2	II	FORFEIT		
Bye	SAACC, 2			
Randolph, 1			I	15-1;15-4 RANDOLPH-1
Bye	Randolph, 1	Forfeit RANDOLPH-1		
Normoyle, 2	III			
Bye	Normoyle, 2			
Brooks, 1		II	15-3;15-5 RANDOLPH-1	
Bye	Brooks, 1			
Kelly, 2	IV	15-8;16-14 BROOKS-1		15-3 15-10;14-16; IBROOKE GEN.-1
Bye	Kelly, 2			
Randolph, 2				
Bye	Randolph, 2	15-2;15-10 RANDOLPH-2		
SAACC, 1	V			
Bye	SAACC, 1			
Hondo, 2		III	15-7;16-14 RANDOLPH-2	
Bye	Hondo, 2			
San Marcos, 2	VI FORFEIT	HONDO-2		
Bye	San Marcos, 2		II	15-3;16-14 BROOKE GEN.-1
Kelly, 1				
Bye	Kelly, 1	15-12;5-15;15-4 NORMOYLE-1		
Normoyle, 1	VII			
Bye	Normoyle, 1			
Brooks, 2	15-2;15-5	IV	15-3;15-5 BROOKE GEN.-1	
I Brooke Gen, 1	BROOKE GEN.-1			
Stinson, 2	VIII	BROOKE GEN.-1 15-3;15-4		
II Hondo, 1	STINSON-2 Forfeit			



## 33RD DIVISION "STRIKES GOLD" RECOVERS HALF MILLION DOLLAR JAP LOOT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Extract from the "Guinea Pig" Special Service Publication, APO 33.

WITH THE 33RD DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES, DELAYED, PRO RELEASE—"There I stood, knee deep in money. I had to pinch myself to see if it was really me." That was the feeling of Pfc. Lew Zerillo of Long Island, N. Y., a former coffee salesman, when he found some half million dollars in silver coins, looted by the Japanese and buried alongside a highway "somewhere in The Philippines." The money, all in silver, was partly uncovered by an exploding shell. It was believed to have been taken by the Japs from the vaults of Philippine banks. Four Army trucks were required to haul the wealth of silver away, its weight being estimated at six tons. Although bales of Jap invasion money had been captured, this was the first American and Filipino money recovered during the liberation campaign.

Pfc. Zerillo is 1st Scout of Company C, 130 Regt., a 33rd Inf. Div. unit. He was leading his patrol as they pushed the Japs along a highway, when he stumbled on the cache. "I've often dreamed of finding a pirate's chest filled with gold and silver, but never thought it would actually happen," he said.

Capt. Pat Kelly, Tacoma, Wash., was commanding the patrol and the way he went on with his business of killing the Japs, one would think finding \$500,000 was all in a day's work. "When I came up I saw the money lying all around. But we had a mission to perform and since we were under Jap fire, pushed on and attained our objective," Capt. Kelly explained.

"It was late in the afternoon and since the Jap night patrols had a nasty habit of slipping into this sector, I couldn't put a guard on it. Not wanting to start a gold rush and get somebody killed I cautioned my men to say nothing about it.

"Early the next morning I went back. As we moved the bags of coins we uncovered other bags and realized we had really hit the jackpot."

The heavy artillery shell had scored a direct hit on the cache raining coins over the landscape. The heat of the blast ignited the sack and much of the money was melted or fused together like silver nuggets.

Most of the coins were Philippine issue, although some American and Chinese money was also found.

Lt. Bernard Donahoe of Dowagiac, Mich., in charge of Division CIC, was summoned to take over the collection and safe removal

of the money, making sure that not a single souvenir was taken. Ten Filipinos, many of whom volunteered to work for nothing, labored two days in getting the coins collected and shoveled on trucks.

The loot was found in the 130th Infantry sector of the 33rd Division, an Illinois National Guard Regiment, whose colorful military history dates back to the Blackhawk Indian Wars, 1831-1832.

The Division is commanded by Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson of San Antonio, Texas. He is assisted by: Brig. Gen. D. J. Myers, Boulder, Colo., and Brig. Gen. A. G. Paxton of Greenville, Miss.

## NATIONWIDE CONTEST FOR MUSICAL SHOW ANNOUNCED

Opportunity to crash the uncertain field of musical show production without the backing of an "angel" comes to all GIs with announcement from Eighth Service Command headquarters at Dallas of a nationwide contest for an original, full-length musical show.

To meet the rules of the contest, the show must be written and produced in a post, camp or station, and manuscript submitted to service command headquarters in Dallas before August 31.

The contest, open to all military personnel in this country, is sponsored by the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces. No restriction is placed on subject matter or form.

The winning manuscript will be published as a "Blueprint Special," one of a series of Soldier Show publications, and given wide circulation in this country and overseas. Full credit will be given to the author or authors or organization producing it.

As an additional award the Writers' War Board offers five prizes for the five best manuscripts submitted. First prize will be a \$100.00 War Bond, second prize a \$50.00 War Bond and for the next three best manuscripts three \$25.00 War Bonds will be offered. Then too, all civilian production and distribution will be controlled by the individual with royalty payable to the winning entrant under conditions approved by him.

For further information on the contest contact the Special Services office, extension 3041.

## WANTED

Apartments and rooms for new employees being transferred here from other installations for the expansion program of Brooke General and Convalescent hospital. List your vacancies with Mrs. Olga Zander, C-8411, extension 3050.



## WAR-SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

In answer to many inquiries regarding the meaning of the phrase, "duration of the war," the following information is furnished to those war-service employees who have been employed on or after March 16, 1942:

1. The phrase "duration of the war" refers to the duration as legally fixed, and not to the duration of hostilities. It is probable that, as in the case of the First World War, the date of legal termination—that is, the date on which the Congress, by resolution, or the President, by proclamation, declares the war to be over—will be some time after the cessation of hostilities. The First World War was legally terminated by joint resolution of the Congress on July 2, 1921—more than 2½ years after the Armistice.

2. War-service appointments are authorized by Executive Order and Civil Service regulations. Such appointments may be terminated at any time, in the discretion of the Commission, regardless of whether the war has been declared ended. In any event all employees affected will be given ample advance notice—probably six months.

Further information relative to this subject can be obtained at the Civilian Personnel Office.

## PAY DAY — MORALE BOOSTER

Pay day is the Army's No. 1 morale booster—except when pay day comes and the pay doesn't—and the Eighth Service Command knows it.

How the threat of no pay last pay day was relieved for the thousands of troops in training at Camp Fannin, near Tyler, when floods paralyzed East Texas railroad traffic has been disclosed by Service Command headquarters.

Action started when Major James C. McNeely, director of the fiscal division at Camp Fannin, telephoned Colonel R. W. Nuss, Service Command fiscal director in Dallas, that the Citizens National Bank at Tyler wouldn't receive its pay day shipment of more than half a million dollars in cash from the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas because it was floodbound between Dallas and Tyler.

Colonel Nuss agreed to arrangements for his division to act as agent between the two banks for a duplicate shipment, and arranged with Colonel F. H. Chetlain, Service Command air liaison officer, for a plane to fly the shipment from Dallas to Tyler.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Patterson, senior fiscal supervisor, and First Lieutenant E. E. Marshall of the fiscal division landed in Tyler with the half million at 9:40 a.m. Saturday, delivered it to the Tyler bank at 10 a.m., and half an hour later the troops were counting their pay—on time.

## NATIONAL ROSTER OF SCIENTIFIC AND SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL

The National Roster is the Division in the Bureau of Placement of the War Manpower Commission charged with the responsibility for obtaining the most effective use of professional and scientific personnel during the war period. Its principal task has been to register, recruit, and place professional and scientific personnel in those jobs in which they could best aid the war effort.

In performing its placement service, the National Roster carries on two types of activities: first, the recruitment of personnel to fill specific jobs for which orders have been placed; and second, positive placement designed to locate suitable positions for individuals who have indicated that they are or will soon become available for employment. The Roster receives job orders from private industry, either directly or through the United States Employment Service and the United States Civil Service Commission, from Federal agencies, from educational institutions, and from State and local governments.

The Roster and the United States Employment Service have developed working relationships which make it possible for local offices quickly to refer job orders and applicants to the Roster. Upon receipt of such notice, job orders in the Roster are checked and if the individual is qualified, his papers are immediately referred for consideration. If there is no current job order for which he is qualified, a search is made through prior orders and other information which the Roster has on hand to locate establishments where individuals with such qualifications have been employed. When these have been located, a record of the registrant's qualifications is sent to the employers for consideration. If neither of the above steps produces results, a brief record of the individual's qualifications is transmitted to a few selected local United States Employment Service offices which are requested to inquire among employers in their respective areas for possible employment.

Professionally qualified members of the Army who are about to be discharged are invited to avail themselves of the Roster's services. At present, the Roster has a number of standing orders from large industrial concerns for engineers, chemists and physicians. Orders have been and are now being received specifying a desire for veterans. These positions offer opportunities for war work now and for permanent employment in the postwar period.

Those qualified to avail themselves of this service are urged to contact Captain Robert E. Van Gilder, Personal Affairs Officer, at Brooke, for additional information, and literature produced by the Division.



## IT'S A DOG'S LIFE



"Lady," proud mother of three pups (they're almost grown now) is shown above with her offspring. The pups are being cuddled by WAC recruit Frances Ennis, WAC Sergeant Mildred (Mickey) Damme and Corporal John M. Duprez, DMD, owner of "Lady." Corporal Duprez is from Arkansas City, Arkansas, and Sergeant Damme is from Muskogee, Okla.



## WOES OF A PATIENT

Here I lie on my little cot  
 Trying to do with they say I ought;  
 But tell me, sir, or can't you tell,  
 How the deuce can a patient get well . . .  
 When just as soon as one is free of pain  
 Some medico comes 'round and starts it  
 again!  
 Twist her leg! Bend her arm;  
 A punch in the back can't do much harm!  
 Fiendish glee lights up his face;  
 And we are called the "human" race.

One day later and all is well,  
 Despite the fact I've been through Hell.  
 Quiet I lie and full of fear,  
 Lest with the slightest move the pain  
 reappear.  
 Nurses and doctors come and go,  
 All listen to my tale of woe.  
 Encouraging words and a gentle touch  
 Is their idea of a mental crutch.  
 Yet, truthfully, sir, I'll now reveal,  
 Despite your roughness, you have appeal.  
 I find myself awaiting "rounds";  
 Tell me, Major, are you "out-of-bounds?"

—By Lt. Helen J. Armstrong, ANC.

## LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY

Long ago and far away  
 In the land of my birth,  
 I used to sit and dream  
 Of exploring the earth.

The far cry of the wild geese  
 Winged across the sky,  
 Tugged at my restless spirit . . .  
 Ah! That I could but fly!

Childhood days were soon behind,  
 I started out to roam;  
 To see the world's wonders,  
 I wandered far from home.

Tropic splendors enchanted me,  
 Mountains filled me with alarm;  
 Strange patterns on the desert,  
 Even the Arctic had its charm.

Long ago and far away  
 I used to plan to roam;  
 My childish fancy could not know.  
 All Heaven is in one's home.

—By Lt. Helen J. Armstrong, ANC.

The Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast starts the second year of its existence with this issue. The Staff wishes to thank all of its contributors most heartily for the excellent support given it during the past year. It will be our aim to continue the high standards set for the B.B.B. in covering happenings at the Brooke General and Convalescent Hospital.



